

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

Board Case No. MD-04-0187A

3 **T.S. SOUNDARARAJAN, M.D.**

4 **FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER**

5 Holder of License No. **15670**
6 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

(Letter of Reprimand)

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8 The Arizona Medical Board ("Board") considered this matter at its public meeting on
9 August 9, 2006. T.S. Soundararajan, M.D., ("Respondent") appeared before the Board for a
10 formal interview without legal counsel pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by A.R.S.
11 § 32-1451(H). The Board voted to issue the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and
12 Order after due consideration of the facts and law applicable to this matter.

13 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

14 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the
15 practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 15670 for the practice of allopathic
17 medicine in the State of Arizona.

18 3. The Board initiated case number MD-04-0187A after Respondent reported
19 entering into a stipulated disciplinary order with the California Medical Board placing his California
20 license on a five-year probation and requiring him to complete the Physician Assessment and
21 Clinical Education Program. The California Board action stemmed from a personnel action taken
22 by the California Department of Corrections and California Personnel Board in response to four
23 areas of concern: negligent care of inmates; failure to maintain adequate and accurate records;
24 providing improper and inadequate information during his employment interview; and
25 unprofessional conduct regarding his care and treatment of three additional inmates. Respondent

informed the Board he denied the allegations, but signed a Stipulation with the California Board to save time and expense. Respondent's signing of the Stipulation precludes him from disputing the underlying facts before the Board.

4. The Board noted the California Personnel Board found the allegation Respondent provided improper and inadequate information during his employment interview was not sustained and had no basis. The Board asked Respondent where he was currently practicing. Respondent testified he was practicing in California under probation, but he applied to the California Board in June to have the probation lifted because he had met all the requirements. Respondent testified in regard to the medical cases that he did all he could do under the circumstances and he explained this in detail to the California Board. Respondent testified he has since completed continuing medical education and it showed him new light into the management of these patients and he probably would have done things slightly differently then he did before.

5. Respondent admitted in the California Board action to falling below the standard of care by failing to document Coumadin dosage, failing to perform or document a neurological examination, failing to document the reasons for changing a seizure medication, and not explaining ordering Depakote in the face of hepatitis.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Arizona Medical Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

2. The Board has received substantial evidence supporting the Findings of Fact described above and said findings constitute unprofessional conduct or other grounds for the Board to take disciplinary action.

3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(o) ("[a]ction that is taken against a doctor of medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to . . . unprofessional conduct as defined by

1 that jurisdiction and that corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct
2 prescribed by this paragraph.") Specifically, A.R.S. § 32-1401 (27)(q) ("[a]ny conduct or practice
3 which is or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public").

4 **ORDER**

5 Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

6 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

7 Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand for the action taken by the California Medical
8 Board for conduct that is unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27).

9 **RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REHEARING OR REVIEW**


10 Respondent is hereby notified that he has the right to petition for a rehearing or review.
11 The petition for rehearing or review must be filed with the Board's Executive Director within thirty
12 (30) days after service of this Order. A.R.S. § 41-1092.09(B). The petition for rehearing or review
13 must set forth legally sufficient reasons for granting a rehearing or review. A.A.C. R4-16-102.
14 Service of this order is effective five (5) days after date of mailing. A.R.S. § 41-1092.09(C). If a
15 petition for rehearing or review is not filed, the Board's Order becomes effective thirty-five (35)
16 days after it is mailed to Respondent.

17 Respondent is further notified that the filing of a motion for rehearing or review is required
18 to preserve any rights of appeal to the Superior Court.

19 DATED this 12th day of October, 2006.

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21 THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD



By 
TIMOTHY C. MILLER, J.D.
Executive Director

1 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
2 13th day of October, 2006 with:

3 Arizona Medical Board
4 9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road
5 Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

6 Executed copy of the foregoing
7 mailed by U.S. Mail this
8 13th day of October, 2006, to:

9 T.S. Soundararajan, M.D.
10 Address of Record

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